

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) Flat flex cable, or FFC, in particular for use in vehicles, wherein said cable contains at least two electric conductors (2) that are embedded in at least one insulating layer (3) of a plastic material, characterized by the fact that a circuit layout (6) is applied on the surface of the flat flex cable (1) and connected to at least one conductor (2) of the cable, and by the fact that at least one electric and/or electronic component (11) is arranged on the circuit layout (6).

2. (Previously Presented) Flat flex cable according to Claim 1, wherein the circuit layout (6) consists of a copper foil with low transverse strength.

3. (Previously Presented) Flat flex cable according to Claim 1, wherein the electronic components (11) are connected to the circuit layout (6) by means of conductive bonding.

4. (Currently amended) Flat flex cable according to claim 1, wherein the electronic components (11) are covered with housing shells (13) or by means of selective casting (15) or a protective lacquer, ~~for example, consisting of a hardenable polymer system.~~

5. . . (Currently amended) Flat flex cable according to claim 4 2, wherein the copper foil has a so-called cauliflower structure and/or is provided with a black oxide coating on the side that faces the flat flex cable.

6. (Previously Presented) Flat flex cable according to claim 1, wherein the electrically conductive connection between the circuit layout (6,9) and the at least one strip conductor (2) of the flat conductor is produced by means of resistance welding.

7-12. Cancelled

13. (New) Flat flex cable according to Claim 4, wherein the protective lacquer comprises a hardenable polymer system.